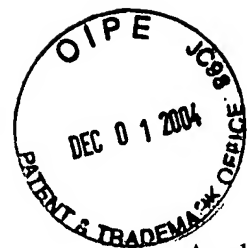


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REPLY TO ACTION OF JULY 1, 2004

Claims 1-68 are pending in the application, with claims 1-16 being independent.

Claims 1-4, 17-19, 21, 22, 24, 25 and 27-29 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lang, which was filed on March 16, 2001. Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because Lang was not filed prior to the invention of the present subject matter by the applicants and, accordingly, does not qualify as prior art under section 102(e). In particular, the present application claims priority to Japanese Application No. 2000-337193 ("the Japanese priority document"), which was filed November 6, 2000, prior to the filing of Lang. As evidenced by the attached verified translation of the Japanese priority document, the Japanese priority document supports the claimed subject matter, and, as such, establishes that Lang was not filed prior to the invention by the applicant. Accordingly, Lang does not qualify as prior art and the rejection should be withdrawn.

The remaining claims have been rejected as being unpatentable over Lang in view of: Lin (claims 20, 23, 26 and 30); Yang (claims 5-10, 31-33, 35-37, 39, 40, 42, 43, 45, 46, 48 and 49); Yang and Lin (claims 34, 38, 41, 44, 47 and 50); Keith (claims 11, 12, 51, 52, 54 and 55); Keith and Lin (claims 53 and 56); Keith and Yang (claims 13-16, 57, 58, 60, 61, 63, 64, 66 and 67); or Keith, Yang and Lin (claims 59, 62, 65 and 68). Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections in view of the unavailability of Lang as a prior art reference and the failure of the other references to describe or suggest the subject matter of the claims.

Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance.

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